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All-day B.C. news channel in works

► Shaw Media files CRTC application for regional all-news channel ► Proposed network would be made available to TV, online and mobile audiences



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B.C. residents could look forward to 24-hour local TV news hitting the airwaves by the summer.

Shaw Media, Canada's second-biggest cable TV operator and owner of the Global Television network, announced Wednesday that it has filed an application with the Canadian Radio-television Telecommunications Commission for the province's first 24-hour all-news TV channel.

The yet-to-be-named news network, bearing the Global BC brand, would provide top local, national and international headlines round the clock. It also promises more live-event coverage and more in-depth, original reporting.

Shaw Media president Paul Robertson said in a release the station reflects the company's commitment to help develop and grow Global News, which it acquired from Canwest Global Communications in 2010 for \$2 billion.

"I think this is one of the most vibrant news markets in Canada," said Kenton Boston, Global National News senior director and Global BC station manager. "There are a lot of great stories that go on here. To be honest, people aren't always served as much as they could be by news divisions in this province, so we're now giv-



► Global BC anchor Jill Krop has been picked to host a new prime-time talk show on Shaw Media's proposed all-news channel.

ing people another chance to get the news they need."

Veteran Global BC anchor Jill Krop is also expected to host a prime-time talk show.

Krop said she will get a whole hour of in-depth conversations with B.C. newsmakers.

"We'll be doing a little Jack Webster, Oprah, The View and

Anderson Cooper," she said of the format.

Alfred Hermida, a University of B.C. journalism professor, said it's a "smart and strategic decision" to start the channel in B.C., given Global's market dominance and strong news presence and the fact that there is no competition.

But he added there needs to be

a greater investment in manpower and other resources for it to work.

"B.C. is going to be better reported, and people will have more information about their communities, but it depends on how much Shaw and Global are going to commit in terms of time, money and people."

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Every dollar precious: Premier

Don't get used to big spending announcements from the Liberal government.

Premier Christy Clark was in Port Moody Wednesday to announce that community gaming grants for organizations would be permanently increased to \$135 million — from \$120 million last year — and that adult-focused arts groups would once again be eligible for the grants.

But that kind of contingency spending may be a thing of the past.

"It's a stretch to find any money in the budget. We've got some pretty big budget challenges ahead of us," said Clark. "The money we're investigating (in gaming grants) is pretty precious to come by."

While the addition for \$15 million in permanent funding will come as a relief to community organizations, it still represents an overall decline in funding.

In 2009-10, community gaming grants were cut to \$120 million from \$156 million and excluded adult-based arts-and-culture groups from eligibility.

The increase in funding and the backtracking on eligibility rules came as a result of a province-wide review conducted last summer by former Kwantlen Polytechnic University president Skip Triplett.

■ MATT KIELTYKA



► RCMP Supt. Bob Williams attends the missing women's inquiry in Vancouver on Wednesday.

Handling of witness 'bothered' review team

► Author of RCMP review of Robert Pickton investigation testifies at missing women's inquiry ► Supt. Bob Williams was under impression communication between RCMP and Vancouver police was excellent



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Investigators could have done a much better job handling the one witness who claimed she saw Robert Pickton kill a woman, the Missing Women Commission of Inquiry heard Wednesday.

Supt. Bob Williams, who authored the RCMP's internal review of the Pickton investigation, said Mounties were too quick to dis-

regard potential evidence from Lynn Ellingsen — a friend of Pickton's who told three separate people that she saw the serial killer butcher a woman in his barn, but denied it when asked by police.

Ellingsen was cast as an unreliable witness, but Williams thought investigators should have pressed harder.

"We felt it was a very important part of this review," Williams testified. "It was one of the things

that bothered us a little bit. It wasn't handled to the sufficient manner that I would have handled it."

Overall, Williams concluded in his 2002 report that the RCMP did the best they could with the resources they had.

The senior Alberta cop seemed surprised when commission lawyer Art Vertlieb asked him about apparent poor communication between the RCMP and Vancouver Police Department during the inves-

tigation — as highlighted in VPD deputy chief Doug LePard's review of the case.

"There was never any indication there was dissension between the VPD and RCMP," testified Williams, who only interviewed RCMP officers during his review. "I can't recall what the LePard report says. In our discussions with our members, communication was excellent and we never had any problems."

The inquiry continues.

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Whistler freestyle skier remains in coma

► 'She will most certainly fight to recover,' says Sarah Burke's husband



► In this Jan. 29, 2010 file photo, Sarah Burke competes during the women's skiing superpipe final round at the Winter X Games at Buttermilk Mountain outside Aspen, Colo.

Canadian freestyle skier Sarah Burke remains in an induced coma after suffering a head injury in a crash while training on a superpipe, officials said Wednesday.

The nature of Burke's injuries have not been disclosed.

In a statement released by the Canadian Freestyle Ski Association, a doctor at the University of Utah hospital said Burke "sustained serious injuries and re-

mains intubated and sedated in critical condition."

Chris Nelson, assistant vice-president for public affairs at the hospital, said Burke was having surgery Wednesday afternoon.

Dr. Robert Foxford, the Canadian Freestyle Ski Association team doctor, said he has received little information from American medical officials treating Burke. But they appeared to be following standard procedures for treatment

of serious head injuries.

"That would be standard with people with a significant head injury, that the brain is put to rest, there is an induced coma, and they give them medication to make sure there's almost no brain activity," he said in a conference call.

Burke's husband, Rory Bushfield, and members of her family were with the skier.

"Sarah is a very strong young woman and she will

most certainly fight to recover," Bushfield said in the same statement.

"Her family is there in regular touch with the medical people," Peter Judge, the head of the ski association, said earlier in an interview.

"We've been getting some information but ... we're trying to give them space to be able to deal with this part of it on their time and their terms."

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Half of additions to most-wanted list have local ties

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The federal government added 30 individuals to the Canadian Border Services Agency's most-wanted list yesterday, half of whom are believed to have lived in the Lower Mainland.

The 42 people on the list either face Canada-wide warrants — and, by extension, arrest and deportation — for various crimes such as theft, assault, trafficking of a controlled substance, possession of firearms, or are inadmissible into Canada.

The CBSA says 15 men have ties to the Lower Mainland.

"Last year was a record year for removals for the CBSA," said Vic Toews, minister of Public Safety. "That



► Marcus Brown, 23, was among those added to the most-wanted list.

sends an important message that Canada will not be a haven for criminals from out of country. We want to keep our communities and streets safe."

He added that none of these individuals pose a significant risk to communities. ● KENDRA WONG

B.C. to repay HST funding over five years

British Columbia will pay back, interest-free, \$1.6 billion in federal HST transition money over the next five years, the province announced Wednesday.

The money was given to the province to help

implement the harmonized sales tax, which was to have replaced both the federal goods and services tax and the provincial sales tax. Voters in a provincewide, mail-in referendum subsequently rejected HST last summer.

The repayment will be booked into the 2011-12 fiscal year, but the payments will actually be made over the next five. The federal government agreed to waive any interest charges over the five years.

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Councillor pitches rental database

An online database to help Vancouver renters make better choices will be making its way to council next week.

If approved, the rental database, proposed by Coun. Tim Stevenson, would allow renters to search through pre-existing and publicly available information collected by the city — such as history and safety compliance of buildings, building owner information and outstanding work orders.

● JENNIFER KWOK

Vancouver to host Aquarium Congress

The Vancouver Aquarium has been selected to host the 9th International Aquarium Congress in 2016.

"The Vancouver Aquarium turns 60 years old in 2016 and it will be the perfect time for us to share our expertise, learning and world-class facilities" said John Nightingale, president and CEO of the Vancouver Aquarium. The congress is expected to draw about 1,500 practitioners and scientists from nearly 45 countries. ● SHIHO YODA

Burnaby gondola not in TransLink's plans

TransLink's financial feasibility report for the construction of a gondola to the top of Burnaby Mountain shows it would provide a better return on investment than continuing the current No. 145 bus route.

TransLink said the "gondola project has potential for inclusion in future strategic plans." However, it is not included in any exist-

ing plans.

A business case for the construction of the estimated \$114-million project indicates a positive 3.6-to-1 benefit-to-cost ratio for the region.

It also concluded that the cost to build and operate a gondola would be approximately \$12 million more than continuing to serve the route by bus over the

next 25 years.

Operating costs are estimated between \$3-3.5 million a year. Students hope the gondola will help reduce travel time and greenhouse-gas emissions.

Many Burnaby Mountain residents living directly under the anticipated path of the gondola have expressed concern it violates their privacy. ● KENDRA WONG



► A gondola, similar to the one proposed for Burnaby Mountain.



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Israeli ex-intel: 'Pressure mounting'

Whodunnit? Iran pointed the finger at Israel.

Israeli officials, however, hinted at covert campaigns without directly admitting involvement.

"Many bad things have been happening to Iran in the recent period," said Mickey Segal, ex-director of an Israeli military intelligence department. "Iran

"I don't know who settled the score with the Iranian scientist but I certainly am not shedding a tear."

ISRAEL'S CHIEF MILITARY SPOKESPERSON, BRIG.-GEN. YOAV MORDECHAI

is in a situation where pressure on it is mounting, and the latest assassination joins the pressure."

Israeli military chief Lt. Gen. Benny Gantz was

quoted as saying 2012 would be a "critical year" for Iran — in part because of "things that happen to it unnaturally."

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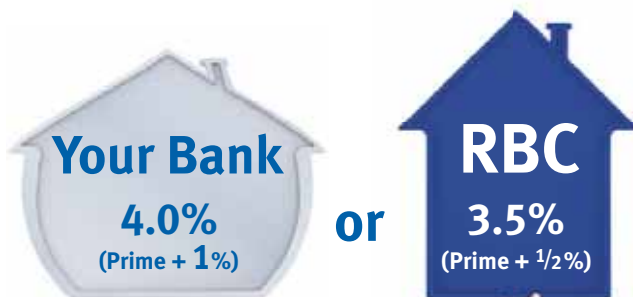


► Magnetic-bomb aftermath: A car is removed by a mobile crane in Tehran on Wednesday in this photo provided by Iran's semi-official Fars News Agency.



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Motorbike assassins kill Iran nuke whiz

► Top scientist dies as magnetic bomb wrecks his car ► Iranians blame covert war by the West

It seemed a clockwork killing.

Motorcycle riders flashed by and attached a magnetic bomb onto a car carrying a top nuclear scientist working at Iran's main uranium-enrichment facility.

By the time the blast tore apart the silver Peugeot, the motorcycle was blocks away, weaving through Tehran traffic.

Behind it, the nuclear scientist lay dead and his driver dying.

It was the latest strike in what Iran calls a covert war — at least the fourth targeted hit against a member of Iran's nuclear brain trust in two years.

Wednesday's blast killed Mostafa Ahmadi Roshan, 32, director of the Natanz uranium-enrichment facility.

"A heinous act," said

U.S. denies it

- The United States insisted it had nothing to do with Wednesday's killing.
- "I want to categorically deny any United States involvement in any kind of act of violence inside Iran," said Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton.
- "We believe there has to be an understanding between Iran, its neighbours and the international community that finds a way forward for it to end its provocative behaviour."

Iran's Atomic Energy Organization.

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► A youth walks inside the earthquake-damaged cathedral in Port-au-Prince.



Canada to assist Haiti

► Ottawa providing \$19.9M to finance resettlement of camp dwellers, create 2,000 jobs

One of the most visible symbols of Haiti's earthquake will soon be dismantled as officials relocate nearly 20,000 people from a tent camp outside the collapsed National Palace, the government said Wednesday.

President Michel Martelly said Canada would help move the residents from the Champ de Mars plaza to new homes north of the

capital. He said the operation would begin in six weeks.

"You've been here for two years, suffering without talking, with the kids," Martelly told a crowd who applauded the news a day before the quake's second anniversary. "We are going to remove everyone from under the tents."

Beverley Oda, minister of International Coopera-

tion, said the project will also help train 50 Haitian entrepreneurs and create 2,000 jobs for removing debris and rebuilding and repairing homes.

The government is building 400 homes near the bay and 3,000 more at the bottom of a mountain, also north of the capital, to house the camp's residents.

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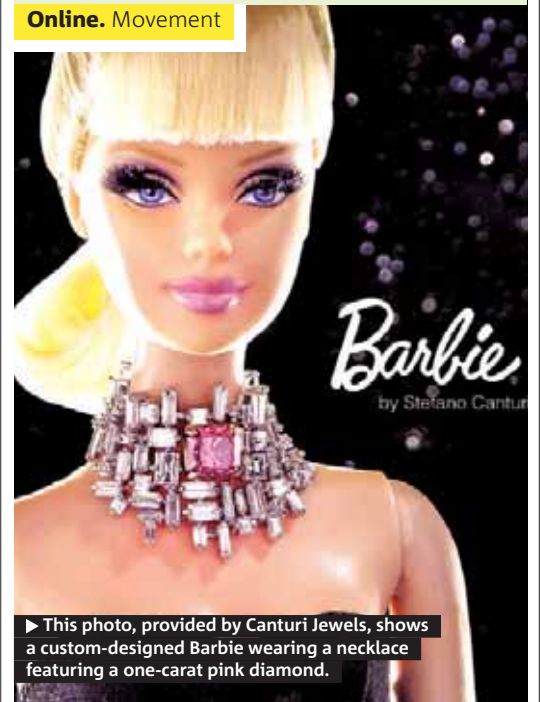
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► This photo, provided by Canturi Jewels, shows a custom-designed Barbie wearing a necklace featuring a one-carat pink diamond.

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Call for bald Barbie

There's an online movement to get Barbie to attempt what could be her biggest feat yet: Going bald to fight cancer. A Facebook page titled Beautiful and Bald Barbie! Let's see if we can get it made, was started a few days before Christmas. By Wednesday afternoon, the page had more than 15,000 fans. The goal is to get toy maker Mattel Inc. to create a bald Barbie in support of children with cancer.

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► Leon Mugesera

Genocide accused delays deportation

► UN to investigate claims he'd be tortured in Rwanda

After nearly two decades in Canada, a man accused of helping to incite the Rwandan genocide may have been granted one more reprieve that would delay deportation back to his homeland.

Leon Mugesera had been ordered to be deported ear-

ly Wednesday when a Federal Court ruled against his last-ditch effort to stay in Canada, his home for the last 19 years.

But a pair of other developments, later in the day, complicated matters.

Mugesera's lawyer announced the United Na-

tions Committee Against Torture has ordered Canada to keep him here while it investigates his claims he'd be tortured in Rwanda.

Meanwhile, Mugesera was brought to hospital to be treated for an unspecified health issue.

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Prairie cities lead the economic pack: Board

► Saskatoon, Calgary, Edmonton top 2012 economic forecast ► Vancouver growth projected at 2.6 per cent

Cities in Western Canada will lead in growth and prosperity over the next couple of years, according to an outlook released Wednesday by the Conference Board of Canada.

Western cities are benefiting from resource riches and attracting migrants, boding well for housing and consumer spending. Edmonton created almost 40,000 new jobs last year alone, the think-tank says.

"In spite of global economic turmoil, high prices for agricultural products, minerals and oil are likely to continue," said Mario Lefebvre, director of municipal studies for the board. "Canada's Prairie cities will reap the benefits of this

global demand for commodities."

Central cities won't do as well with manufacturing struggling amid the global slowdown, and government cutbacks weighing on growth domestically.

The board says the government's austerity measures for the civil service will result in a loss of 9,000 jobs over two years, restraining Ottawa-Gatineau's growth to 1.8 per cent in 2012.

The top cities are Saskatoon at four per cent; Calgary at 3.6 per cent; Edmonton at 3.4 per cent; Regina at 2.9 per cent; Toronto, Trois-Rivieres, Vancouver at 2.6 per cent; and Kitchener-Cambridge-Waterloo, Windsor at 2.5

Market moment

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per cent. At the bottom is St. John's due to the winding off of Newfoundland and Labrador's offshore oil production. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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► Hostess Twinkies are shown in a studio photograph on Tuesday in New York.



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Hostess chips away at costs

Hostess Brands Inc. is filing for chapter-11 bankruptcy protection and said Wednesday it will be able to maintain routine operations thanks to a \$75-million US financing commitment from a group of lenders.

Bankruptcy rate masked by low interest: Experts

The Canadian bankruptcy rate fell in October as the unemployment rate dropped to its lowest level in years, but experts worry a surge in insolvencies could be on the horizon as the jobs picture worsens and debt loads grow.

The Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy said Wednesday that the number of insolvencies, including bankruptcies and proposals to creditors, fell in October 2011 to 10,304 compared with 11,813 in October 2010. Experts say low interest rates could mask the number of people on the verge of financial collapse. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

7.5% Consumer bankruptcies are linked to the unemployment rate, which hit a multi-year low of 7.1 per cent in October but has since risen to 7.5 per cent.

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Can skyscrapers portend a recession?

A skyscraper building boom in China and India may be a sign of an impending economic correction, according to Barclays Capital.

Barclays has mapped an "unhealthy correlation" between construction of the world's tallest buildings and impending financial crises over 140 years.

China is home to half of the world's skyscrapers — buildings more than 240 metres tall — currently under construction. India, which has two skyscrapers, is seeing its first skyscraper building boom, with 14 under construction.

Historically, skyscraper construction coincides with easy credit, rising land

prices and excessive optimism, but often by the time they are finished, the economy has slipped into recession, explained Andrew Lawrence of Barclays Capital in Hong Kong.

For example, the Great Depression hit as record-breaking 40 Wall Street, the Chrysler Building and the Empire State Building were finished in New York.

China's residential property sales has decreased 40 to 50 per cent in Beijing and Shanghai, Lawrence said. While, non-performing loans in India, grew by nearly a third in the first half of this fiscal year, according to the Reserve Bank of India. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**



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HE SAYS ...

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Over the years, I've grown accustomed to adoring fans complimenting my writing. "I saw your picture in the paper," they'll say. Or: "You look familiar, do you work at my Starbucks?"

With compliments like that, it's amazing my headshot doesn't swell right out of the frame.

But years of headshot viewers acknowledging my existence have left me wanting more, and now I dream of getting a book published, so I can hear compliments like, "I saw your picture on a dust cover."

"The best approach is to write characters based on people you hate — for example, you might have a villain called Jerky MacBadhusband."

I've also read a lot about how to write a book. So that I might create more competition and therefore torture myself further, here's what I've learned.

WRITING A BOOK

Choose an idea: Most coffee-shop patrons, first-year university students and other leading philosophers agree there are no new ideas. So it's OK to steal one. Ripping off one author is called an "homage." Ripping off multiple authors and mashing them together is called "finding your own voice."

Choose characters: The best approach is to write characters based on people you hate — for example, you might have a villain called Jerky MacBadhusband. To protect yourself from legal issues, make sure the character wears a hat they don't wear in real life. Then say, "The character is actually a pastiche of many people I've met in my travels."

Choose a plot: Start with a first line that grabs readers, such as, "This book is covered in anthrax spores, sucker!" If stuck for an ending, walk away for a bit. Then quit and call it "first in a series." You'll get great buzz.

Choose an agent: This person will give you added legitimacy as a writer by making you poorer.

Choose a cover: This is the step by which everyone will judge your book. I recommend you seek out glowing quotations from friends who share names with famous people. If your dentist is Milan Kundera or the kid who mows your lawn is V.S. Naipaul, you're good to go.

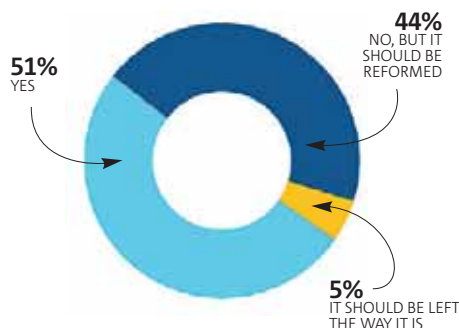
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Will and Kate reveal royal gifts Duke and Duchess of Cambridge say thank you

The Duke and Duchess of Cambridge laugh as they receive Team Canada hockey jerseys in Yellowknife on July 5.

Clarence House, the official website for the Prince of Wales, his sons and Kate, has released the list of all the gifts the royal couple collected in their cross-Canada tour with one- or two-word descriptions. Among them

are a diamond-encrusted brooch and cufflinks.

This has incensed the British tabloids, who smell a cover-up in the website's describing the widely reported custom-made platinum baubles encrusted with nearly 700 tiny diamonds from Canadian mines as, simply, a "brooch" and "cufflinks."

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Local tweets



@D6MERIT: Yes that IS a bald eagle on the top of that tree. From my balcony. Geez BC, can you get more majestic?
lockerz.com/s/173607768

@ArtemChubarov: If NHLers think Kesler is over-rated now, imagine what they'd think if he played for an American original 6 club!

@CBCSmart: Kevin Falcon says 5 year HST payback to Feds saves BC about \$24-million per year. #bcpoli #cbc

@GlobalBC: Shaw Media to launch 24/7 B.C. news

channel bit.ly/zTJXUF
@ChristieBuono: Great to see Coach Stubler briefly in the office. So glad he's back! Our D's dominance will continue in #2012! #CFL #BCLions

@JodieEmery: Marc says many fellow inmates are asking families to support #RonPaul as he will end racist drug war & pardon nonviolent drug offenders.

@VanMayorsOffice: Online Renters Database motion coming to council next week, over half of #vancouver residents rent: ow.ly/8pZLC @MayorGregor

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Rock solid

Celebrity jeweller Harry Winston crafted this 692-diamond set of polar bear cufflinks and brooch from diamonds from the Diavik Diamond Mine in the Northwest Territories, owned 40 per cent by the Harry Winston Diamond

Corp. They were given to the royal couple during their Canadian visit.

Harry Winston donated the diamonds and the workmanship, said a spokeswoman for the Northwest Territories government.

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Stage and screen legends Peterson, Plummer up for ACTRA acting prizes

Intoxication of flamenco

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It's one of Spain's most-respected touring companies and it's en route to Vancouver for a performance as part of the upcoming PuSh International Performing Arts Festival.

Soledad Barrio and Noche Flamenca, touted as premiere flamenco practitioners, has transfixed audiences around the world with its passionate performances featuring guitar, song and, of course, spectacular dance.

"There is unique captivation and intoxication in flamenco," explains Joyce Hinton, co-managing director of the Chan Centre. "In other forms of dance we discover music and movement that are complementary, but in flamenco the relationship is intricately entwined and deeply symbiotic. The dramatic flourishes, syncopated beats, driving guitars, and melodic wails of the form resonate on a deep, almost primal level, creating a singular and unforgettable experience."

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building the form's inherent suspense to climax.

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Soledad Barrio and Noche Flamenca performs at the Chan Centre for the Performing Arts, Jan. 21 at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$47 - \$53 at Ticketmaster.

If you're interested in finding out more about the roots of flamenco and how the art form evolved under oppressive conditions, ticketholders are invited to a pre-show chat with Martin Santangelo, artistic director of Noche Flamenca, at the Royal Bank Cinema, which is part of the Chan Centre complex.

More information at chancentre.com and nocheflamenca.net.



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On living the fab life

Window dresser Simon Doonan on his new book

Skinny French chicks and roly-poly straight men. Lesbian chic and the chaotic state of style. Nothing and nobody escapes the gaydar of the Simon Doonan in his new book, *Gay Men Don't Get Fat*. The diminutive Doonan was creative director at Barneys for 25 years. After a shake-up at the retailer, he's now creative ambassador-at-large.

You say the intended audience is straight women.

Do straight women need educating?

I want to liberate the women of the world and teach them to live with the stylish bravado of we gays — and wee gays like me. Being a woman has become so complicated and pressurized. I want to make it easier, or maybe just more creative. Fashion and style should be about personal expression.

Do you really fly coach?

I'm not part of the one per cent. I'm a hardworking gay who is proud to fly coach, but only on short flights. I also ride the subway, and not in a Marie Antoinette kind of way. It really is the easiest way to get around.

You used to do the windows at Barneys. Do you miss that?

I dressed windows for almost 40 years. When I finally put down the glue



gun last year it was something of a relief. However, I would highly recommend a career in window display to any budding fashionista.

How would you define your approach to clothes and life?
I'm a charismatic deviant with a freaky world view. I'm determined to extract all the nuggets and nu-

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Is Khloe really a Kardashian?

Report claims that Kardashian patriarch had doubts she was his daughter

THE WORD

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When one gazes at the Kardashian sisters (as we often do, since they are more omnipresent than Starbucks), do you ever think, "Hmmm ... Which of these things is not like the other?"

If you, too, think Khloe Kardashian doesn't resemble her famous sisters, you aren't the only one — Kris

Jenner has had to squelch rumours of her paternity for years. But now Robert Kardashian's ex-wife and widow have come forward in a Star magazine exclusive in which they both claim that the late Kardashian expressed his doubts that he was indeed the father of Khloe.

"Khloe is not his kid — he told me that after we got married," Jan Ashley, 63, the woman who married Robert after Kris Jenner, revealed to Star.

"He just kind of looked at me and said (it) like it was a matter of fact. He said, 'Well, you know that



► Khloe Kardashian

Khloe's not really a Kardashian, don't you?" And I said ... 'OK,' and that was it."

But that's not all. Ellen

Kardashian, 63, who married Robert in 2003 just two months before his death, says she has her doubts as well.

"Khloe brought it up all the time," Ellen told Star. "She looked nothing like the rest. She was tall, had a different shape, light hair, curly hair. Didn't look anything like the other three children."

Whatever you do, Khloe, never, ever take a DNA test. For now, you get the best of both worlds: A cut of the Kardashian empire without having to be biologically related to them.

Bad week gets worse for Lindsay Lohan

Lindsay Lohan isn't having a great week.

First off, the IRS has reportedly obtained a lien against Lohan for \$93,701.57 for failure to pay her federal income tax for 2009, according to TMZ.

And now the troubled actress is being sued by a paparazzo who claims he was injured while being struck by Lohan's car while she

was leaving a club in 2010, according to Hollyscoop.

Lohan wasn't driving the car, but Balyan's lawyer, Neil Steiner, claims she's still at fault because the driver was operating under her instruction.

Steiner says they tried to settle with Lohan's insurance company, which made "an insignificant offer."

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Celebrity tweets



today spent w/ brilliant cosmetic dentist Dr Kevin Sands! the grill now perfect for Fiat, DirectTV & Anger Management!



@charliesheen

@JessicaSimpson

New goal: look like @jessicaalba after baby. Job well done lady!



@rihanna



Waited all yr+Finally I have time off, time 4 rest n quiet. Suddenly all the silence is being drowned by my thoughts! No sleep

@SteveMartinToGo



The more I think about it, „Lo and behold% would be great in rap vernacular. Going to make some calls.

Halle Berry is off the market

Halle Berry and Olivier Martinez are reportedly engaged, according to Us Weekly.

Berry, who has been married twice before, "had given up on being married, but she trusts Olivier," a source says. "He makes her feel safe. He's a keeper."

Martinez reportedly popped the question over the holidays with an emerald-and-diamond en-

gagement ring. The pair met in 2010 as co-stars on the film Dark Tide and started dating soon after. Berry was previously married to baseball player David Justice and singer Eric Benet, and she has a three-year-old daughter, Nahla, with ex-boyfriend Gabriel Aubry.

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Clothing maker Liz Claiborne changing name to Fifth & Pacific after sale of brand

A fierce start to the new year

► Wildlife-inspired prints have become a second skin to trend trackers who can't get enough of their zebra minis and leopard coats ► We've picked out our favourite ferocious accessories to complement the most somber of outfits



► Fashion blogger Leandra Medine wearing just the right amount of leopard in New York.

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Weather a dry spell

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Kit expert Charles Baker Strahan has the goods on ditching dry hair — all winter long.

By Chantel Simmons

Q: How do I hydrate my hair in the winter without weighing it down?

A: The first step to great elasticity and shine is hydration, and that starts right from the shampooing step. Look for shampoos and conditioners that con-

tain both surfactants and polymers — when the water brings them together, they're twice as hydrating as used alone. These ingredients condition the hair before you even step out of the shower. When it comes to styling products, apply

them when your hair is wet and squeeze the moisture through to evenly distribute the product. I like to mix Herbal Essences Tousle Me Softly Mousse and Long Term Relationship Leave-In Split End



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Your new wood resolution

▶ Wooden floors never go out of style, but they take a lot of abuse on a daily basis ▶ Give your floor a little TLC so it has a nice, glossy finish

DIY IDEAS

With a new year beginning, you may be thinking about all of those home renovations on your "honey-do list" that you missed last year.

Kind of like that hardwood floor you've been meaning to stain. Why not add it to your New Year's resolutions?

In every episode of Sweat Equity, host Amy Matthews helps homeowners determine which home improvement projects will return the most bang for their buck.

Here, she explains how to stain a wood floor in five easy steps.

Tune in to Sweat Equity airing weekdays at 7 p.m. ET/4 p.m. PT on DIY Network Canada.

Step 1: Prepare the floor

Start by removing everything from the area to be stained.

Sweep the floor, then vacuum to ensure that you have removed all dust particles and debris.

Next you will want to mop the floor and wait for it to dry. Once dry, sand the floor completely.

You will want to run the vacuum over it once more, to ensure that all sawdust is removed.

Step 2: Test the stain

In an inconspicuous area, test the stain to ensure it is the colour you are looking for, before applying it to the entire floor.

It's usually best to do it

in the furthest corner, away from most onlookers.

Step 3: Apply the stain

Apply the stain with a rag or an applicator made specifically for staining.

Stroke the stain in the direction of the wood grain, not in circular motions.

Work slowly to make sure that you cover every square inch and do not miss a spot.

Be sure to rub the stain

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▶ Unstained floors are so last year.

in to the floor so that it soaks in, and then wipe away any excess on top.

Step 4: Apply a protective coating

Your stain is now looking beautiful! To guarantee that it stays that way, apply

a protective coating of polyurethane over the finished stain and allow it to dry.

Not only will this protect your newly stained floor, but it will give it a perfect glossy finish.

Make sure the floor is

completely dry before returning any furniture or rugs back to the space.

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Most savvy home dwellers like to take on DIY projects. But spending an entire weekend working on a project that doesn't turn out can be frustrating — and a waste of time and money.

This year, invest in your furnishings by spending money on a professional to do the job right for you.

REUPHOLSTERING:

Got a classic-shaped uphol-

stered piece that needs to take on a fresh look?

Trying to slipcover or reupholster it yourself is a daunting task — even for those who have sewing skills. So why not take it to an upholsterer?

Choose neutral-coloured linen or flannel fabrics to help give your furnishings a classic look and longevity.

If buying retro furnishings, do some research as to how the fabric (or leather) will wear. Go for lovely colours that are updated to today's neutrals.

Cost to have a chair reupholstered; \$350-1000, depending on your fabric choice.

REFINISHING:

Changing the stain colour of wooden furniture can help update it and give it a



RALPH LAUREN HOME

new look.

Stain colours have a fashionable life (reddish mahogany was big in the '80s; yellow pine in the '70s).

Choose dark walnut

stain colours to add sophistication to a golden oak or pecan-stained wood pieces.

Take it to a furniture refinisher (or look for budget options like refinishing

schools) to get the look right.

Ask for a 'buffed wax' finish rather than the super-shiny shellac to make it look much classier.

Re-framing

Nothing helps bring tired artwork up-to-date more than reframing.

▶ Replacing a cheap plastic gold frame with a flat, dark wood frame will modernize any piece of art and bring it into the next decade.

▶ **Tip:** You rarely take away the value of your art by reframing it. Also, by adding a more modern esthetic to your art, you gain a new appreciation for it.

▶ **Cost** of having a 24 x 24-inch painting framed: \$75-400, depending on the style of the frame.

Cost of having a dresser refinished: \$200-750, depending on the type of finish you'd like.



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Salad Days: Recipes for Delicious Organic Salads and Dressings for Every Season by Pam Powell offers 60 colour photos, quaint illustrations, a salad basics chapter, and a resource guide to complement a fantastic collection of salad and dressing recipes.

Recipes include: Apple and Roasted Beet Salad with Fruit, Nuts, Gorgonzola, and Watercress; Pecan-Crusted Goat Cheese and Micro Greens with Crisp Apple; Maple-Brushed Crostini; and more.

A look ahead to salad days

► While hearty stews and thick soups simmer on the stove, we're anticipating the refreshing salads of spring ► Get yourself in the mood with this Toasted Quinoa & Asparagus Salad

While often seen as a morning food, grapefruits are finding new life away from the breakfast table. With some creativity, this healthy fruit can add zest to lunches and dinners. Try adding sliced Florida grapefruit to a salad or stir-fry.

Another way to include fruit into your afternoon and evening recipes is to use Florida orange juice, which finds new life in tangy salad dressing or in marinades for chicken or fish. Florida orange juice can also be used in tandem with other nutrition-rich foods to create the ultimate healthy meal.

Quinoa, a gluten-free grain that is high in magnesium, is landing on healthiest food lists everywhere. This quinoa and asparagus



► The recipe serves six.

salad can be topped with meat or additional veggies.

Toast Quinoa and Asparagus Salad Preparation:

1 In nonstick skillet heat oil over medium heat

and cook onions and garlic 3 mins. or until softened and fragrant. Add quinoa and toast, stirring for 3 mins. or until fragrant and beginning to pop. Add orange juice and bring to boil. Cover and reduce heat

to low; simmer 15 mins.

2 Stir in asparagus and pepper; cover and cook 10 mins or until liquid is absorbed. Remove from heat; let stand 5 mins. Using fork, fluff quinoa and place in large bowl.

Ingredients:

- 2 tbsp (25 mL) olive oil
- 4 green onions, chopped
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 cup (250 mL) quinoa, rinsed
- 2 cups (500 mL) Florida orange juice
- 1 cup (250 mL) chopped fresh asparagus
- 1 small orange bell pepper, chopped
- 1/4 cup (50 mL) fresh basil
- Salt and black pepper

Let cool slightly and stir in basil. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

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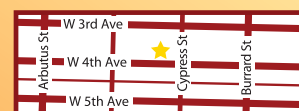
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Canucks preview

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The Canucks (27-14-3) finish their four-game road trip in St. Louis (25-12-5). The Blues have won four straight and haven't allowed a goal in more than two games as Brian Elliot and Jaroslav Halak both earned shutouts against Colorado and Montreal, respectively. David Backes has six points in four games in January. Defenceman Alex Pietrangolo has seven. Alex Steen (concussion-like symptoms) is out indefinitely, but Andy McDonald (concussion) is skating with the team.

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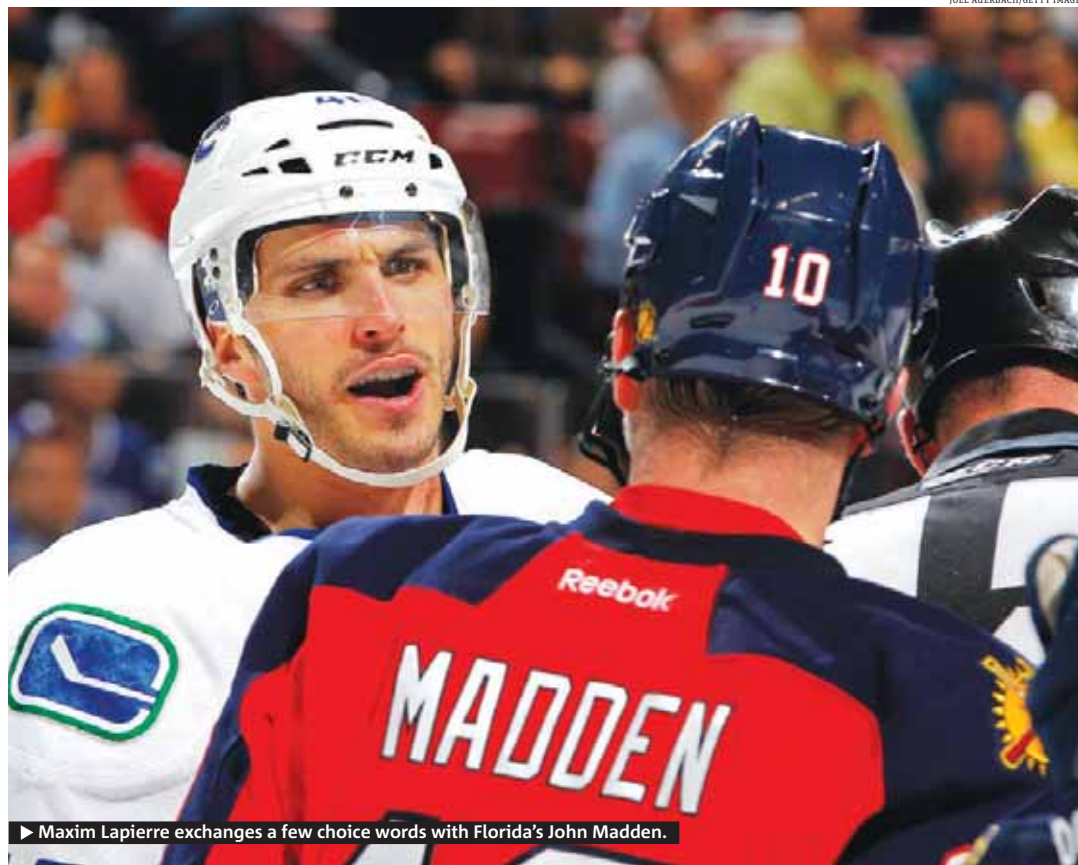
In the past seven seasons, we've seen four Canadian teams make a Stanley Cup run. In three of those years, that club has taken up the mantle of 'Canada's Team,' with much of the nation shedding their own colours to wave proudly the flag of the Great White Hope.

The exception? The general attitude towards Vancouver outside of British Columbia last season was blasé at best and callous at worst.

The national snub resulted from a mixture of factors — including a “Goliath vs. David” perception and an east coast bias — but there was one reason that stood far above the rest: The Canucks were villains.

Pinned with the “bunch of divers” label and as a squad that didn't hesitate to step over the line (see Raffi Torres' blindsided bash of Brent Seabrook in Round 1 and Aaron Rome's erasure of Nathan Horton in the final), cheering for The Whale was as popular with fans and opponents as it was with Ahab.

Seven months have passed since those playoffs ended, yet the Canucks continue to get the stink eye. The wounds that the



► Maxim Lapierre exchanges a few choice words with Florida's John Madden.

post-Game 7 riots inflicted upon the game have yet to heal. And any empathy the team may have earned after the loss is quickly fading, thanks to the team's ascension in the standings and the frankness of coach Alain Vigneault, who's words occasionally rub wrong (just ask fans and management of the Bruins).

But whether it be words

or actions, the Canucks should do all they can to foster their infamous branding. Vancouver is far, very far, from the Broad Street Bullies, but they have more than enough toughness to back up any ill will that comes their way. (Though their truculence isn't inclusive: Alexander Sulzer needs to know it's not OK to allow a player — Martin St-Louis in

the first period of the Tampa game, in this case — to crash into your goalie then walk away without even a word of warning.)

But wearing the black hat is not about getting into a war, it's about drawing opponents into emotional situations where penalties arise. More fracas, more man advantages.

The Canucks have the league's best power play at

23.4 percent. Take both guys? Four-on-four benefits the skilled and Vancouver's certainly that (they've scored six while allowing four under those conditions this year). And if it's them alone who end up in the box, so be it. They're fourth in penalty killing at 86.8.

Villainy begets anger, and for the Canucks, anger is a gift.

MLS clubs eye mutual benefits of Asian ties

“There's no question that both regions can learn from each other”

BOB LENARDUZZI, VANCOUVER WHITECAPS PRESIDENT

England, Spain and Germany.

Importing Asian players is an important first step to building fan bases at home, as well as enhancing a club's profile overseas.

Kosuke Kimura of Japan plays for the Colorado Rapids and Chinese player Long Tan is on the books at the Vancouver Whitecaps. Long was joined at Vancou-

ver in December by South Korea's Lee Young-pyo.

Lee is one of the best-known Asian footballers of the past decade, appearing at three World Cups and playing for some of Europe's biggest clubs.

With many North American cities home to large Asian populations, players with the profile of Lee can have an immediate impact

as Bob Lenarduzzi, Vancouver Whitecaps president told The Associated Press.

“There are 50,000 plus Koreans in Vancouver,” Lenarduzzi said. “We were taken aback by how popular (Lee) is. Before we had the first press conference he wanted to go to a Korean restaurant and people were falling over themselves once they realized who it was walking around, and the conference itself was one of our best attended ever.”

If importing Asian players can help clubs engage with home Asian populations, the existence of those communities can make it easier to attract such stars and for them to adjust.

“I knew that Vancouver had a large Korean population,” said Lee at his first press conference in December.

“That wasn't the reason I came here but, it is still good to have that community here.”

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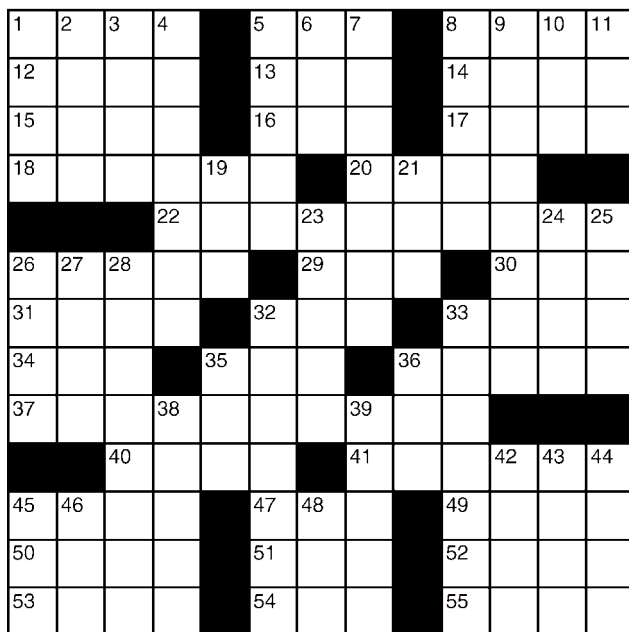
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8 Bang the door loudly
12 Troop group
13 Inseparable
14 Caffeine-rich nut
15 Swag
16 Twitch
17 Terrible guy?
18 Loosen a sneaker
20 Dandling locale
22 One way to quit
26 Ungainly
29 Cage piece
30 Born
31 Raw minerals
32 "See ya"
33 TV chef Cat
34 Have a bug
35 "Ula-lume" writer
36 Croc's cousin
37 Speak frankly
40 Transaction
41 Nerve tissue cell
45 Pic you can click
47 Conk out
49 Unaccompanied
50 Beach matter
51 Geological period
52 Right angles
53 Sandwich cookie
54 Roulette bet
55 Do in

Down

- 1 Humdinger
2 Any time now
3 String instrument
4 Assaults
5 "Monopoly" building



- 6 Singer DiFranco
7 Cravat
8 Lindsey Vonn, for one
9 Entwined symbol of affection
10 — carte
11 Fellow
19 Demure
21 Gist
23 Laundromat machine
24 Architect Saarinen
25 Calendar quota
26 Capricorn
27 Met melody
28 "Bravo!"
32 Colorado city
33 Range horses
35 Sch. org.
36 "Gosh!"
38 Japanese fencing
39 Work dough
42 Roster
43 — podrida
44 Inquisitive
45 Equal (Pref.)
46 Automobile
48 Rage

► Yesterday's answer



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treasure, You put up this strong manly exterior, but your eyes show me your in a lot of pain. You speak, but your not speaking with your heart. So next time when you see me take off your disguise and stop depriving yourself and your heart from what it deserves and speak 2 me from the heart. You too deserve to be happy! P.S I never thought of you as a quitter, more as a fighter.... **ME**

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♉ Taurus April 21-May 21

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♊ Gemini May 22-June 21

The Sun in Capricorn at this time of year tends to make life look gray. You have plenty to look forward to.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22

Go out and enjoy yourself today but watch how much you spend and who you spend it on.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug. 23

You may be spontaneous by nature but time spent planning today will not be time wasted.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22

Look for compromise solutions today. That might not be easy when everyone else seems to be looking for reasons to argue.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23

No matter how secure you may feel in your current situation, you can sense that changes are coming.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22

Don't let anyone get away with saying things about you that are not true today. Stand up for yourself.

For today's crossword answers and for expanded horoscopes, go to metronews.ca

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21

Make a point of telling a friend how much he or she means to you.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20

Anyone who thinks you'll give up easily will learn the hard way today that Capricorns aren't quitters.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18

Just over a week from now, the Sun will move into your birth sign and a new solar year will begin. Conserve your energy, you'll need it.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20

Someone you meet may be fun to be with but don't be foolish and trust him or her with personal information. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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